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**WALKER TO HOLD RIBBON CUTTING
FOR RECONSTRUCTED HISTORIC BRIDGES**

MILWAUKEE – County Executive Scott Walker will hold a grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony today celebrating the reconstruction of two historic bridges on Honey Creek Parkway in Wauwatosa.

The Wellauer and Kavanaugh bridges, originally constructed in 1933 by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), span Honey Creek. The CCC was a work relief program started by President Franklin Roosevelt during the Great Depression. Due to the historical significance of the bridges, the State Historic Preservation Office required that the new bridges match as closely as possible to the appearance of the original structures. Great effort was taken to match the stone masonry facades on the bridges in stone size, shape and color. Capstones were also used in the new bridges that were very similar to the original stones. All masonry was installed by hand in the same fashion as 1933.

“As we celebrate the Parks’ 100th Anniversary this year, visitors can appreciate that the new, restored bridges maintain the aesthetic beauty of the park,” said Walker.

Approximately \$1.5 million for the design and reconstruction of both bridges was funded under the State of Wisconsin Local Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement Program.

State and local elected officials, along with historical society, project design and construction staff, will attend the opening.

DATE:	Monday, October 1, 2007
TIME:	2:00pm
LOCATION:	Wellauer Bridge Honey Creek Parkway, at 7400W block (just east of Aurora Zilber Family Hospice, 1155 N. Honey Creek Parkway)

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